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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 GEORGE MORRIS, on Behalf of Himself and  
13 all Others Similarly Situated,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 SOLARCITY CORP.,

17 Defendant.

18 Case No. 3:15-cv-05107-RS

19 **JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT**  
20 **CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

21 Date: February 4, 2016

22 Time: 10:00 a.m.

23 Judge: Honorable Richard Seeborg

1           The parties to the above-entitled action jointly submit this Joint Case Management  
 2 Statement & Proposed Order pursuant to the Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern  
 3 District of California dated July 1, 2011 and Civil Local Rule 16-9.

4           1.     **Jurisdiction and Service**

5           Defendant in this action has been served. There are no challenges to personal or subject  
 6 matter jurisdiction or to venue.

7           2.     **Facts**

8           A.     **Plaintiff's Statement**

9           This is a class action lawsuit brought under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47  
 10 U.S.C. § 227, *et seq.* (“TCPA”). Plaintiff George Morris (“Plaintiff”) alleges that between October  
 11 3, 2015 and October 20, 2015, Defendant SolarCity Corp. (“SolarCity” or “Defendant”) made 10  
 12 robocalls to him on his residential telephone in order to sell him solar panels. These calls were  
 13 made using a computer voice imitating a live call center representative. Mr. Morris did not give  
 14 SolarCity prior express written consent to make these calls. In fact, Mr. Morris’s phone number is  
 15 listed on the National Do Not Call Registry.

16           B.     **Defendant's Statement**

17           As addressed in more detail in Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss, Motion to Strike, and  
 18 Motion to Stay filed on January 25, 2016, Plaintiff George Morris fails to state a claim against  
 19 SolarCity in his complaint. Plaintiff has not alleged facts suggesting that the robocalls he allegedly  
 20 received were made by SolarCity; they were not. Plaintiff’s other claims should be dismissed due  
 21 to the deficiencies identified in Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss: (i) Plaintiff cannot rest a claim for  
 22 violation of the DNC regulations on a single live call, (ii) Plaintiff has not pled the use of an  
 23 autodialer by SolarCity, and (iii) Plaintiff pleads no facts suggesting a knowing or willful violation  
 24 of the TCPA by SolarCity.

25           3.     **Legal Issues**

26           Plaintiff asserts claims on behalf of himself and a nationwide class for (1) knowing and/or  
 27 willful violations of the TCPA, and (2) violations of the TCPA.

28           As set forth in further detail in Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss, Motion to Strike, and

1 Motion to Stay, Defendant contends that the Court should strike these class claims as (i) Plaintiff  
2 has no standing to represent these classes; (ii) the proposed classes are impermissibly fragmented;  
3 and (iii) the proposed classes are overbroad, fail-safe classes.

4. **Motions**

5 Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss, Motion to Strike, and Motion to Stay on January 25,  
6 2016.

7 Plaintiff will move for class certification in accordance with the schedule set by the Court.

8. **Amendment of Pleadings**

9 Defendant has not yet answered the Complaint, and instead filed the Motion to Dismiss,  
10 Motion to Strike, and Motion to Stay on January 25, 2016. Plaintiff intends to file an amended  
11 complaint on or before February 5, 2016.

12. **Evidence Preservation**

13 The parties certify that they have reviewed the Guidelines Relating to the Discovery of  
14 Electronically Stored Information (“ESI Guidelines”), and confirm that they have met and  
15 conferred pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) regarding reasonable and proportionate steps taken to  
16 preserve evidence relevant to the issues reasonably evident in this action.

17. **Disclosures**

18 The Parties served their initial disclosures on January 25, 2016.

19. **Discovery**

20 Discovery in this case is underway. Plaintiff served his first round of interrogatories and  
21 requests for production of documents on January 11, 2016. Defendant’s responses to those  
22 requests are presently due February 16, 2016.

23 Counsel for Plaintiff and Defendant will negotiate an ESI protocol and a protective order.

24 Plaintiff anticipates that discovery will be needed on at least the following subjects: (1)  
25 Defendant’s use of an autodialer; (2) Defendant’s use of an artificial or prerecorded voice; (3)  
26 Defendant’s failure to obtain prior express written consent before contacting consumers with an  
27 autodialer and/or an artificial or prerecorded voice; (4) Defendant’s procedures for ensuring  
28 compliance with the TCPA; (5) the identities of consumers improperly contacted by Defendant;

1 and (6) Defendant's calls to consumers on the National Do Not Call Registry.

2 Defendant seeks to stay discovery until after the Court rules on the Defendant's Motion to  
 3 Dismiss the Complaint, filed January 25, 2016. Defendant does not agree that the discovery  
 4 described above is appropriate in this matter, as Plaintiff has not pled (i) facts suggesting that  
 5 Defendant used an autodialer; (ii) facts suggesting that Defendant made calls using an artificial or  
 6 prerecorded voice; or (iii) facts suggesting more than one call by Defendant to Plaintiff.

7 **9. Class Actions**

8 Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf and seeks to represent all other persons  
 9 similarly situated pursuant to the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23. Plaintiff seeks certification  
 10 of the following classes:

11 **The Robocall Class.** All persons within the United States who (a) received a non-  
 12 emergency telephone call; (b) on his or her cellular telephone or residential telephone line;  
 13 (c) made by or on behalf of Defendant in order to promote its products or services; (d) for  
 14 whom Defendant had no record of prior express written consent; (e) and such phone call  
 15 was made with the use of an artificial or prerecorded voice; (f) at any time in the period  
 16 that begins four years before the filing of the complaint in this action to the date that class  
 17 notice is disseminated.

18 **The Autodialer Class.** All persons within the United States who (a) received a non-  
 19 emergency telephone call; (b) on his or her cellular telephone or residential telephone line;  
 20 (c) made by or on behalf of Defendant in order to promote its products or services; (d) for  
 21 whom Defendant had no record of prior express written consent; (e) and such phone call  
 22 was made with the use of an automatic telephone dialing system as defined under the  
 23 TCPA; (f) at any time in the period that begins four years before the filing of the complaint  
 24 in this action to the date that class notice is disseminated.

25 **The National Do Not Call Class.** All persons in the United States who: (a) received more  
 26 than one telephone solicitation call, initiated by Defendants to promote its products or  
 27 services; (b) in a 12-month period; (c) on their cellular telephone line or residential  
 28 telephone line; (d) more than 30 days after registering their telephone number(s) on the  
 National Do Not Call Registry; and (e) at any time in the period that begins four years  
 before the filing of the complaint in this action to the date that class notice is disseminated.

A proposed schedule for class certification briefing is set out below under (17) Scheduling.

29 **10. Related Cases**

30 None.

31 **11. Relief**

32 Plaintiff seeks an order certifying the proposed class and awarding damages, injunctive

1 relief and attorney's fees, costs and such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

2 **12. Settlement and ADR**

3 The Parties have not yet discussed resolution of this matter through ADR, but are amenable  
4 to considering participating in either private mediation or a settlement conference with a  
5 magistrate judge after the Court has ruled on Defendant's pending Motion to Dismiss, Motion to  
6 Strike, and Motion to Stay.

7 **13. Consent to Magistrate Judge For All Purposes**

8 The Parties do not consent to assignment of this case to a magistrate judge.

9 **14. Other References**

10 The Parties do not believe the case is suitable for reference to binding arbitration, a special  
11 master, or the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation at this time.

12 **15. Narrowing of Issues**

13 This case is still in its initial stages and, as such, there are no issues that can be narrowed  
14 by agreement or motion at the present time. The parties will continue to meet and confer about  
15 issues that can be narrowed.

16 Defendant has filed a motion to dismiss/strike claims in this case.

17 **16. Expedited Trial Procedure**

18 The parties agree that this action cannot proceed on an expedited basis.

19 **17. Scheduling**

20 The parties have not agreed on a case schedule, and include their separate proposals below.

21 Defendant proposes the following schedule:

22 Amended Complaint	February 5, 2016
23 Opposition to Motion to Stay Discovery	February 8, 2016
24 Reply on Motion to Stay Discovery	February 16, 2016
25 Answer/Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint	February 26, 2016
26 Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint	March 11, 2016

1	Hearing on Motion to Stay Discovery	March 17, 2016
2	Reply on Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint	March 18, 2016
3	Hearing on Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint	April 7, 2016
4	Plaintiff's motion for class certification, and any expert reports Plaintiff intends to use in support of class certification, to be filed and served	May 13, 2016
5	Defendant's opposition to Plaintiff's motion for class certification, and any expert reports Defendant intends to use in opposition to class certification, to be filed and served	June 17, 2016
6	Plaintiff's reply in support of class certification, and any rebuttal expert reports Plaintiff intends to use in connection with class certification, to be filed and served	July 8, 2016
7	Hearing on motion for class certification	August 4, 2016
8	Close of Fact Discovery	Six months following the Court's decision on Plaintiff's motion for class certification
9	Close of Expert Discovery	Three months following the close of fact discovery
10	Last day to file dispositive motions	45 days after close of expert discovery
11	Last day to file <i>Daubert</i> motions	

1 Plaintiff proposes the following case schedule:

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3	All documents must be produced	March 1, 2016
4	Close of fact discovery  Plaintiff's motion for class certification, and any expert reports Plaintiff intends to use in support of class certification, to be filed and served	October 14, 2016
5	Defendant's opposition to Plaintiff's motion for class certification, and any expert reports Defendant intends to use in opposition to class certification, to be filed and served	November 14, 2016
6	Plaintiff's reply in support of class certification, and any rebuttal expert reports Plaintiff intends to use in connection with class certification, to be filed and served	December 14, 2016
7	Hearing on motion for class certification	January 12, 2017
8	Parties' expert designations on issues other than class certification, including expert reports and information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2), to be served	February 10, 2017
9	Parties' rebuttal expert designations on issues other than class certification, including expert reports and information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2), to be served	March 10, 2017
10	Discovery cutoff	April 10, 2017
11	Last day to file dispositive motions	May 10, 2017
12	Last day to file <i>Daubert</i> motions	

18. **Trial**

19. Plaintiff has demanded a jury trial, and expects the trial to last approximately two to three weeks. Defendant has no estimation of trial length at this early stage.

20. **Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons**

21. The Parties have complied with Civil Local Rule 3-15 by filing a Certification of Interested

1 Entities or Persons.

2 20. **Professional Conduct**

3 All attorneys of record for the Parties have reviewed the Guidelines for Professional  
4 Conduct for the Northern District of California.

5 21. **Professional Conduct**

6 The Parties are not presently aware of any other matters that may facilitate the just, speedy,  
7 and inexpensive disposition of this matter.

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9 Dated: January 28, 2016

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## CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

The above JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT & PROPOSED ORDER is approved as the Case Management Order for this case and all parties shall comply with its provisions. [In addition, the Court makes the further orders stated below:]

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE